

## MAKE FOURTH PEACE DAY

"Make the 4th of July a Peace Day throughout Ohio," is the latest slogan to be taken up and it is rapidly gaining momentum. The governor has approved it; so have most of the prominent state officials. Toledo is planning pageants where women and children especially will be featured. Other cities are planning peace cele-

brations.

The underlying idea of the whole movement is that the great American Independence Day should be made a day of peace observance, instead of an occasion memorializing the victories of war. The argument is that now is the time if ever, for the United States to use her voice in behalf of peace and to proclaim

to the world her detestation of the ruin being wrought by the great European war.

To make as the occasion for this protest against war the day when all Americans are celebrating the independence of their nation will serve to emphasize the keenness with which Americans feel the enormity of the catastrophe that is being enacted across the waters, it is pointed out.

COLLECT UNEARNED  
PAY IN ADVANCE

The members of the Ohio legislature will collect in advance their salaries for the year 1916, for which pay they will not render a single day's service. This is not taking money under false pretenses, for there is no pretense about it. It is taking money because they can. They can make a law which they think will cover up the offense. But the law doesn't make it right. There are some people who think there is virtue in a law, but there isn't a particle unless the law is right, and a law that gives a man \$1000 of the people's money for nothing is as far from right as wrong is. It is just this sort of things that causes the people to lose their respect for law. And there is a lot of lawmakers united in an effort to get the people to despise law. How long will the people stand such things? Think of it—taking \$1000 in advance for doing nothing! That is tyranny of the darkest dye.—Ohio State Journal.

## STATE EXAMINATIONS

The June issue of the State Civil Service Commission bulletin, which has just been issued, calls for a number of examinations which will be held during the next month. Probably the most important of these is that of Inspector, to be employed by the State Highway Department. A number of appointments will be made in the different counties of the state. Compensation is from \$3 to \$4 per day, and the exam is to be held June 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26. Candidates desiring to take this examination should address the commission and secure necessary blanks and copy of the bulletin, which gives the date and places in which the examinations will be held.

## ENGINE MAKING GOOD

Messrs. T. P. and M. O. Hallock of Lakewood and R. E. Kimmell, local automobile dealer, chief officers in The Hallock Engineering Company, Cleveland, who are building a line of moderate priced motor fire apparatus in this village, reports that they are now receiving inquiries from all parts of the country on their apparatus and that their plans for manufacturing this equipment in an extensive way are practically completed. On Tuesday Mr. Kimmell, with M. O. Hallock, left Medina with a Ford First Aid Chemical and Water Hose Trailer combination—the latest product of this enterprising concern, to demonstrate same before the Northwestern Ohio Firemen's Convention at Deshler, O., on Wednesday. Comprising all the equipment and carrying capacity of any \$3000 motor chemical and hose fire apparatus now on the market, this Ford Chemical Trailer combination offers considerable possibilities from a sales point of view and Messrs. Hallock and Kimmell advise that the demonstration tour just began will extend throughout the Central, Eastern and New England states during the next few months.

## NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

State Highway Department.  
Columbus, Ohio, June 14th, 1915.  
Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the State Highway Commissioner at Columbus, Ohio, until two o'clock p. m., June 29th, 1915, for improvement in:  
Medina County, on Section "N", of I. C. H. No. 25, Cleveland-Wooster Road, in Medina township.  
For reshaping old road and resurfacing with water-bound macadam. Length, 9800 ft. or 1.85 miles.  
Width of pavement, 14 ft. Width of roadway, 26 ft.  
Estimated cost, \$13,369.44.  
Date set for completion, August 15, 1915.

The bidder must submit a proposal and contract bond for an amount equal to the amount of his bid.  
Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the County Commissioners and State Highway Department. The State Highway Commissioner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

CLINTON COWEN,  
State Highway Commissioner. 42-2

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## THE CIRCUS-DAY PARADE

"Oh, the circus-day-parade—how the bugles played and played, and the glossy horses tossed their glossy manes and neighed." Riley had a bigger circus in mind than that of "Tiger Bill" when he penned those lines, yet the little parade of the latter on Monday afternoon was big enough to call to mind the Riley jingle. Neither the "Tiger Bill" company nor the show would require more than passing notice but for two facts—the personality of "Tiger Bill" and the momentary clash with Mayor Randall. The former is none other than Walter Main, who fifteen years ago conducted one of the largest circuses and menageries on the road. It was very nearly if not quite the equal in size and equipment of Barnum & Bailey's. About seven or eight years ago troubles and reverses, both domestic and business, began to pile up for Main, beginning with a divorce by his wife and then the burning of his entire menagerie and circus paraphernalia at his winter quarters at Geneva, O. Huge herds of elephants, camels, lions, several hundred head of horses, etc., perished at that time. Main is now starting again in the same humble way he did 25 years ago when he first launched in the show business.

When Main's advance agent was in town a week ago, on the statement that the show was merely a dog and pony show to be exhibited on the public square, Mayor Randall issued a permit at the cost of \$1.00. Monday morning when he discovered the size of the show and realized that he had been imposed upon the mayor visited the management and demanded payment of \$10, \$5 more than would have been exacted had the advance agent not tried to "put one over." The ten-spot was forthcoming.

## Europe in 1870 and 1915

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and at least three-fourths of our men were stretched upon the bloody field of battle. The majority of that great army hastened to Strassburg and of course was lost to the army of the Empire. A small part, about 8,000 or 9,000 men, fell back upon Nancy. It was claimed at that time that the losses in killed was enormous and about evenly divided between both armies. While our loss on prisoners left in the hand of the enemy was at least 6,000, we lost also most of our artillery, including the new Mitral-euse, considered at that time the best light gun on the field of battle. To add to the discomfort of our troops we were informed that on the same day, Aug. 6, our troops were defeated by Saarbrücken and Spichers Heights. It never was really clear to my mind how it was possible for the Prussian troops to take these strongly fortified positions, and history tells us that the loss of life was enormous.

After these many years I have not changed my mind in the least as to the power of the German army; only those who have made it a study for some time are able to solve the mystery; it is not the superior courage of the common soldier of the line, nor the better equipment, but the slavish devotion to the ruler house of Hoenzollern and the genius of the general staff which brings success to German arms; it would be wrong to say the German soldier is made of better material than any other soldier of Europe, for German arms have suffered many defeats in the present struggle, but the strategy of the leaders has invariably turned a seeming defeat into a glorious victory. Nevertheless, even the German chancellor has miscalculated German ability to overthrow the combined forces of the allies in a few months of heavy fighting; and I think the medals which were secretly distributed among the soldiers bearing the inscription, Paris 1870 and 1915, will never be worn.

It is true Russia at present has turned the tide of war in favor of the central Empires, but this does by no means spell defeat for that great empire of the east, for Russia will rally and, like Serbia, turn again the tide of battle backward; for the war is by no means coming to an end because the fortress of an unspeakable name has been regained by Austrian troops. Germany's losses have been staggering in this latest drive and most any moment the allied troops may drive back the Teuton invaders from Belgium and French soil and give the combined forces of England and France the long delayed opportunity to strike at Germany in her own territory.

It is certainly amusing to read the different views as to the probable conditions in Europe in case Germany and Austria are defeated. The most amusing is the statement that this will be the last war in the world, for as soon as German militarism has received its deathblow, the area of universal peace will be ushered in and all mankind will be ruled by the spirit of a common brotherhood. This is a beautiful picture and I wish it might come real; still I can not for a moment share those thoughts. Should Germany be eliminated as a world power would not England demand recognition as the mistress of the deep? What about the sunrise kingdom in the Orient? Can it be supposed that Japan, at present an ally of England, will permit British rule to challenge Japan's ambition to be the ruling power of the Orient? What bond can there be forced which will unite the republican spirit of France with the autocratic rule of the Czar? Will the Balkan States submit to Russian domination of the Dardanelles and the Black Sea? With Austria and Germany eliminated, will Italy be able to defend her coast against the encroachments of Russian men of war? All

the world knows that Russia has been dreaming over a century of an outlet thru the Black Sea, the channel into the Mediterranean Sea; will India remain passive when her returning sons will tell around the firesides of their ancestors that England's boast of supremacy has proven a failure; or will India in its awakening throw off the hated yoke? Has England a lasting guarantee that Austria and Canada will remain true to the motherland, or is it not barely possible that this war will produce a second Geo. Washington who will strike the shackles from the wrists of his countrymen?

I advocate peace and hope the day is not far away when the weapons of warfare shall be turned into tools of peaceful pursuit; still I am a little pessimistic and believe that armaments will go on and nations rise against nations as long as a national honor is endangered. Does the destruction of a nation's army and navy spell obliteration? I think not, for national ambition will survive and a conquered Germany shall rise, phoenix like to take her place among the world powers. Should England and France be conquered in this strife, does it seem at all reasonable that forever these lands will mourn their past glory, and like Israel of old, hang their harps upon the willows and weep when they remember the glorious past?

What has been the outcome of conquest? The combined power of Germany, Austria and Russia has not been able to crush Polish nationality, and the name of Sobiesky is as much an inspiration today as it was in the days of Polish independence. Short of a miracle or a massacre nations in the present age can not be blotted out; thus after the war there will still be a Germany, Austria, Russia, England and France and perhaps many little principalities and powers to go on plotting; in the mean time the carnage goes on and humanity is staggered at the tremendous loss of life and unwarranted destruction of property.

The present war was an impossibility under the rule of Queen Victoria. England remained strictly neutral in the Franco-Prussian war, and if there was any sympathy in the island kingdom it was rather on the side of Germany, not only because the ruling houses are intimately related, but the English and German people are akin in religion, blood and civilization. The latter days of Bismark's rule in German politics plainly show the growing desire to overthrow English rule of the sea and cripple her foreign commerce for the benefit of Germany, which had become a competitor of England in her over sea trade and colonial possessions. Her industries are the rival of the world; it was this which created the desire for German colonization at the expense of other nations; at the same time it has been shown that Germany as a colonizer is a complete failure, as shown by her African and Chinese possessions. German militarism and brute force is a wrong spirit in which to subdue and colonize people accustomed to be free and independent. It is hence out of the question that the close of the war will find Germany enlarging her borders at the expense of conquered nations, should she be the victor; her brutal treatment of the Rhine provinces have shown to all the world her inability to rule except by force. I need only refer to the Zabern incident last year in Alsace-Lorraine to point out her utter disregard of colonial rights; hence, should Germany carry this war to a successful issue and annex, as some seem inclined to think, the kingdom of the Belgians, she never will be able to subdue the spirit of this heroic nation, and the annexation of Belgium must of necessity bring to her great responsibilities. I rather think the future of Belgium will in a measure be independent of the issues of the present war. No matter who wins in the end the little Belgium kingdom will have learned lessons never to be forgotten and will have won eternal glory for her undaunted courage and heroism; at the same time I am confident that Germany, despite the wonderful efficiency of her great army organization, the sublime heroism of her soldiers, almost bordering on fatalism, the enormous sacrifices in men and money unequalled by any age, will forever be branded as inhuman and dishonored for her brutality and disregard of the rights of nations.

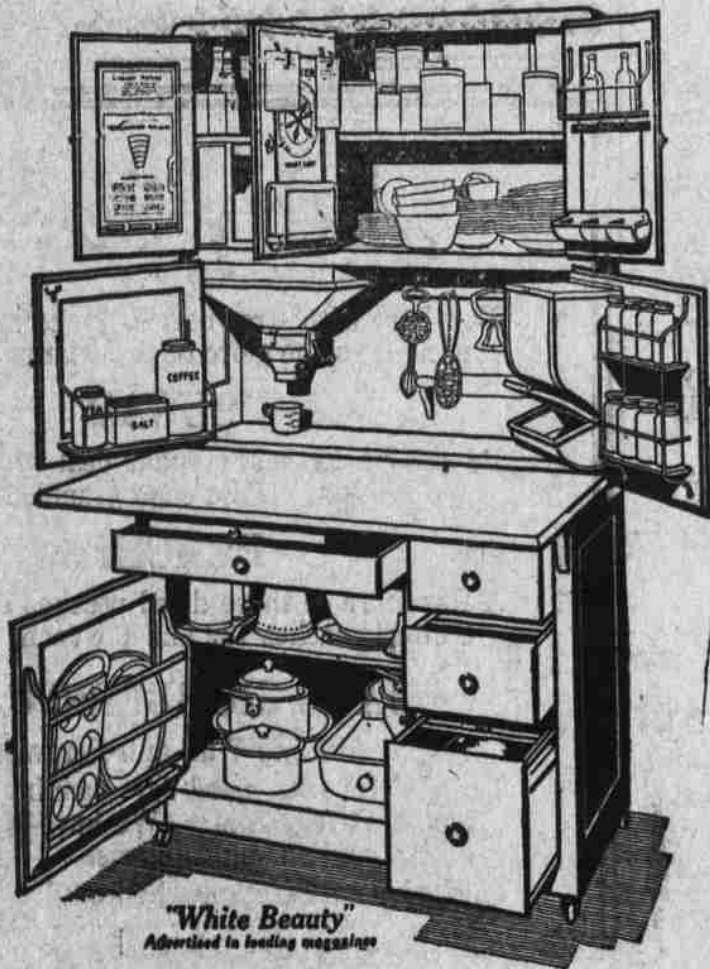
I stated before that this war was being carried on under different rules than the war of '71; naturally property will be destroyed and individual rights challenged in any war, but the wholesale disregard of all existing international laws has branded Germany in this struggle as an outlaw among nations. I can only briefly refer to the destruction of Belgium, the vandalism practiced in her fine old cities, the sinking of unarmed merchantmen and passenger steamers, the disregard of the sacred rights of the Red Cross society, the use of poisonous gases in the trenches, which stands on the same level with the poisoning of wells, as practiced in the dark ages; all these crimes against mankind will have to be charged to this nation, trying to win the world to her German Kultur. No power on earth can restore the marvelous edifices that have been the admiration of the world for centuries; no human skill can rebuild the splendid cathedrals, hoary with age, which even the blood-thirsty Spaniards respected in the religious wars of the middle ages. Look at Louvain, Malines, Ypres, Furnes, Dixmude, each an heirloom of the ancient glory of the Netherlands; all of these fine cities with their monuments are lost to coming generations.

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